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OGILVIE FOLLOWS G.O.P. NORM OF BUDGET BUFFOONERY IN EDUCATION

For students, Gov. Ogilvie recommends a tuition increase at all state colleges and universities. The increases would range from $113 to $197 a year for students resident in Illinois. "In the case of Illinois students," Ogilvie says, "this will mean a payment on the order of $380 a year (ave. figure)." At SIU and U.of I, however, students already pay between $345 and $365. This new hike would send tuition well over $500 per year, making these among the 20 most expensive state schools in the country. What Ogilvie proposes, which was done without the consultation of the Board of Higher Education, is "...that tuition charges should have a systematic relationship to the costs of undergraduate education." If thi principle is accepted, tuition will go up and up as educational costs increase. Northeastern President Jerome Wolfe predicts that commitment to the principle that tuition should increase proportionately to the cost of instruction would mean that 1974 students at (colleges like) Northeastern would pay $450 for tuition alone, FOR EACH TRIMESTER. High school students and community college students hoping to transfer at a later time must recognise that, by the time they got to a state college or university, tuition would be far higher than that recommended by Ogilvie for fiscal 1971.

Considering Ogilvies lunacy in matters such as allotting $? million for renovation of his own mansion, raising the pay of his own top advisers from $27,500 to $44,000 in the departments of mental health public aid, public health, and public works, while cutting operating budgets of all of these, the SSS sees his actions in the educational field typical of GOP budget buffoonery and mismanagement and presents in this issue what he proposes, alternatives, college directors responses, and what students can do.

...WHAT YOU FACE NOW

If you are financially set or have parents able to foot the costs no matter what the Governor proposes, then you have no need to read this paper.

If, however, you are counting on financial aid from any funds now in service, consider this; tuition increases will net the state $24.4 million, while the sum allotted for scholarships, grants, and other aid will increase only $5.9 million over available amounts this year (data from Illinois State Budget, pages A27-A28). For example, at Northeastern, of 2,989 full-time students in the winter trimester 1970, 1,956 students received aid of some kind. Only 224 received this aid from Illinois state sources. Thus, the budget would increase tuition for all and inadequately increase financial aid only for a few.

Students in private colleges are also hurt; expecting $14 million, they have been totally excluded. Presidents at Roosevelt, Loyola, and DePaul have jointly protested and are raising tuition as a result. Peculiar in this situation as President M.P. Akers of Shimer College points out, independent colleges save taxpayers some $200 million annually in operating expenses alone.

Thus, every class of student in Illinois has a reason to protest. Damaging to teachers also, where as the Board of Higher Education had recommended 7.1 raise in salary for teachers, Ogilvie cut it in half, actually cutting wages considering the standard of living is rising 4.5% per year.

the department store

by John R. Shields

BAD APPLE IN SOMEBODY'S BARREL DEPT: G. Harrold Carswell, we note, has announced his decision to try for the place where he was adjudged "mediocre" and "racist"...it's not that serious, folks...if he makes it, he'll have similar company from some... DEPT OF QUOTATIONS: "The streets of our country are in turmoil. The universities are filled with students rebelling and rioting. Communists are seeking to destroy our country. Russia is threatening us with her might and the republic is in danger. Yes, danger from within and without. We need law and order. Yes, without law and order we cannot survive. Elect us and we shall restore law and order." A.Hitler... SINK THE NAVY DEPT: Roger Lee Priest has been convicted by a Navy court-martial for fostering "disloyalty and disaffection" among U.S. servicemen by publishing an anti-war newsletter...rumor has it that some folks wish there a Juco-court-martial for a few people similarly engaged here...there is some justice in this world...

DEADLINE IS MAY 18 FOR CCC AWARDS

The deadline to submit material for the CCC Awards is May 18. A list of categories and prize money is listed in Spoon River and will be reprinted in Mondays edition of the Side Show.

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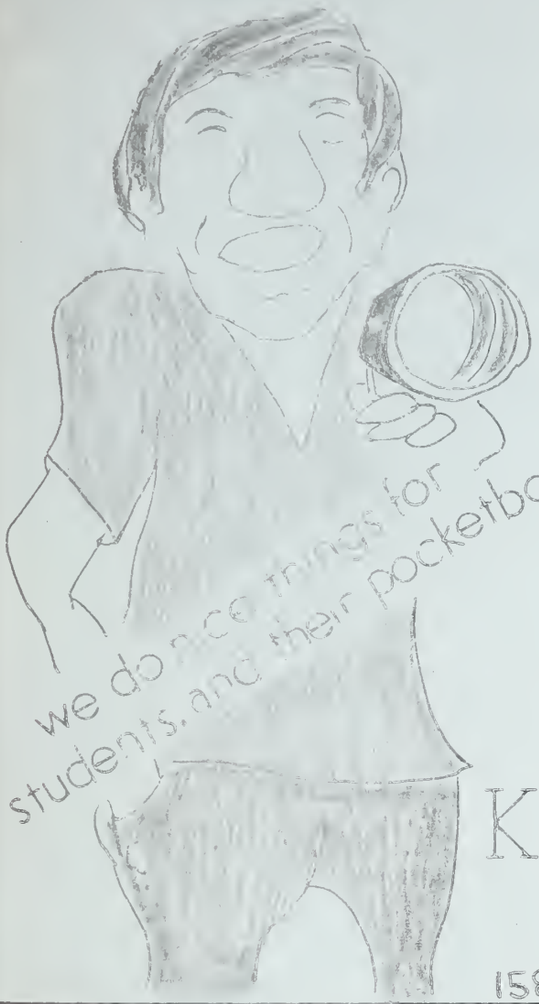

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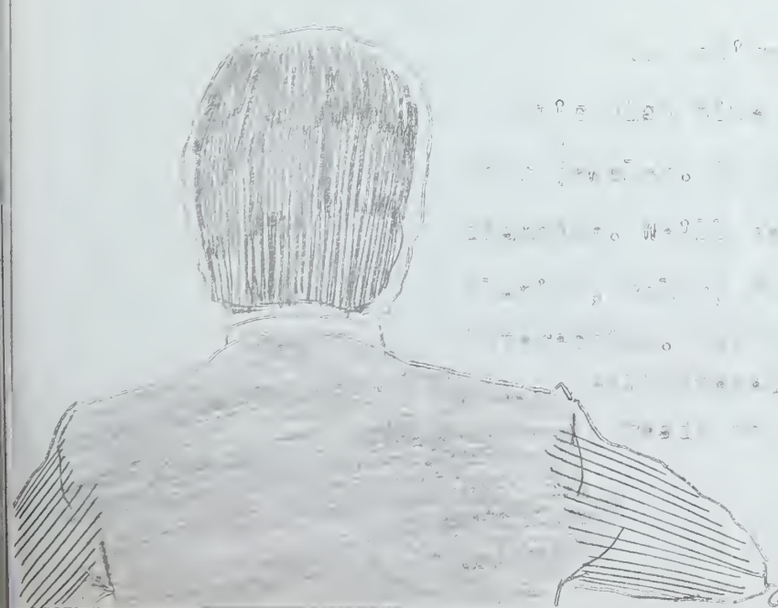

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COLLEGE OFFICIALS, STU. LEADERS PROTEST

Students and administrators across the state are condemning Ogilvies proposal. The nine state universities which are directly affected have formed the United Universities Communities against the Tuition increase, and have instituted a coordinated statewide effort against these proposals. The concept most officials, student leaders, and average students seem to have is that the poor will suffer the worst from this increase.

Heinecke of the Chicago Sun-Times asserts, "Ogilvie is clearly following the path of Californias Governor Ronald Reagan." The California pattern makes education a priviledge rather than a right. The poor kids are expected to do "technical" work after graduation and are channeled into one kind of college; the youngsters more capable financially are directed to more prestigious places which prepare them for "professional" work. Ogilvies budget includes both aforementioned elements.

In defiance and protest of Ogilvies actions, statewide efforts have been made to show official and grassroot anger. Starting on May 6, schools all over the state will begin rallying support for statewide collective protest in Springfield on May 14. This action will attack the problem on two fronts. Local support will inform representatives, and encourage the Springfield trip.

"Call your representatives" hours and days are being instituted, whole train cars are being rented for the trip, practical alternatives are being presented, trying to remind Ogilvie that this is the peoples democracy and not his sandbox.

ALTERNATIVE: CORPORATE TAXING

An alternative to a tuition increase (which would only pass the financial burden on to the student), is corporate taxation (which passes the cost on to the corporations, which can well afford it).

Illinois has a spectacularly repressive tax structure. The U.S. Gov't. established a progressive income tax before World War I. Income and Sales tax together provide 68% of the Illinois revenue, and falls upon those least able to pay. True, there is a 4% tax on corporate income, but in the new budget Gov. Ogilvie LOWERS franchise taxing, and does nothing to take advantage of rising corporate profits.

The tuition raise should net the state 24 million (...while raising student aid only 5 million) Consider how easily this sum could be obtained by increased (or retained) franchise tax, and more proportionate taxing on corporate profits.

There are over thirty corporations with headquarters in Chicago that individually grossed more in profits than the state intends to realize by this tuition raise (a list of these, as well as all of the SSS sourcescan be consulted Weds. at an Information Desk in the Quadr.). A 100% tax on the profits of one of these would make a tuition increase unnecessary. A 100% tax on the profits of seven of them would make all education free in Illinois. Now we agree that 100% taxing is unfair, but by raising corporation income tax by ONE TENTH, the increase would not be needed. If we raised it more, we might realize PUBLIC Education.

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ACTION FROM WEDNESDAY TO MAY 14

Governor Ogilvie maintains that, " Excellence in education is the top priority of this Administration in 1971." That's why every state four-year college and university has publicly condemned his action. The executive director of the Board of Higher Education has denounced his plan. At the grassroot level most student counsels and leaders resent the class differences this will cause among themselves financially. Every one in Education has reason to protest this action if they think of Public Education in the true sense, and not As corporation training or as a requirement of the status quo.

Joliet Junior College takes part in the statewide action starting today at noon in the Quadrangle, and hopes to keep the students aware of day to day developements on every other participating campus in the state all week, leading up to a farwell rally for those making the trip to Springfield on Thursday, May 14.

The Students for Political Involvement (SPI) are sponsoring a "Public Quorum" Wednesday at noon in the Quad, where all an every type of information will be presented opened to public discussion, and petitions against the tuition increase passed. Mr. Johnson, among other faculty members speaking, will present the Teacher's Union's alternative. The SSS sincerly hopes that you participate in the quorom, survey the information available, give yor views and do your part in "CALLING YOUR REPRESNENTATIVE."